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February Potato Processing in Idaho and Malheur County Up 10 Percent from Last Year

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 8.35 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes during February, up 10 percent from February 2007. This is the largest monthly processing total since May 2001. Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon have used 48.6 million cwt of 2007 crop raw potatoes to March 1, down 0.8 percent from last year. Idaho potatoes accounted for 42.1 million cwt of the total processed. The remaining 6.45 million cwt were produced in other states.

Processors in the 9 major States have used 123 million cwt of 2007 crop potatoes this season, down 3 percent from a year ago but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 25.2 million cwt of the total processing, down 10 percent from last year but 11 percent above the same date in 2006.

Potatoes Used for Processing, Selected States, 2005 - 2007 Crops 1/

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUNE 1	ENTIRE SEASON
1,000 Cwt											
ID & Malheur Co, OR All Potatoes	2005-06	8,410	15,870	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
	2006-07	11,640	19,730	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
	2007-08	10,860	18,650	26,230	33,260	40,220	48,570				
IDAHO Potatoes	2005-06	5,580	11,880	18,200	24,430	30,810	37,870	44,960	51,140	57,610	69,170
	2006-07	8,370	15,690	22,870	29,550	36,430	43,750	50,990	57,240	64,560	78,510
	2007-08	6,760	13,460	20,900	27,770	34,320	42,120				
Maine 2/	2005-06			1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
	2006-07			1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,560
	2007-08			1,700	2,170	2,815	3,440				
WA & Other Area, OR	2005-06	16,620	23,645	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	78,550
	2006-07	16,930	23,845	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
	2007-08	15,060	22,305	28,995	34,675	39,700	47,390				
Other States 3/ 4/	2005-06			11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
	2006-07			14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,315
	2007-08			15,040	17,560	20,890	23,955				
TOTAL 4/	2005-06			65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
	2006-07			74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	213,860
	2007-08			71,965	87,665	103,625	123,355				
DEHYDRATED 4/ 5/	2005-06			11,920	15,655	19,225	22,765	26,605	30,065	34,130	41,625
	2006-07			14,590	19,250	23,635	27,885	32,210	36,480	40,915	49,370
	2007-08			12,660	16,680	20,965	25,185				

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME and WI. 2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only. 3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI. 4/ February 2008 revised. 5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

Idaho Potato Stocks Up 6 Percent from Last Year

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on March 1 totaled 63.0 million cwt, 3.50 million cwt more than on hand March 1, 2007. Disappearance, at 68.7 million cwt is down from last year's 69.4 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 3.00 million cwt, up from last year's 2.90 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 60.0 million cwt, were up from the 56.6 million cwt stored on March 1, 2007.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 172 million cwt of potatoes in storage March 1, 2008, up 8 percent from last year and 10 percent above March 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage account for 43 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 2 percentage points from last year. Potato disappearance, at 228 million cwt, was down 1 percent from last year but up 4 percent from two years ago. Season to date shrink and loss, at 19.7 million cwt, was down 3 percent from 2007 but 7 percent above 2006.

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Potato Stocks (continued)

Western States held 129 million cwt of potatoes in storage on March 1, up 13 percent from last year and 11 percent above 2006. Idaho's potato stocks were up 6 percent from last year; Washington's potato sheds held 40 percent more than last year; and Oregon's stocks increased 20 percent from last season. Montana's potato sheds held 6 percent more stocks than last year. California's and Colorado's potato stocks decreased 8 and 16 percent, respectively, from last year.

Central States accounted for 34.6 million cwt of potato stocks on March 1, down 3 percent from last year but 13 percent above the same date in 2006. Wisconsin's potato stocks were down 2 percent from last year; North Dakota's sheds held 19 percent less; and potato stocks in Nebraska were 12 percent below last season. Minnesota's potato stocks increased 2 percent from the same date in 2007 and Michigan's potato sheds held 39 percent more than a year ago.

Eastern States stored 8.70 million cwt of potatoes on March 1, down 19 percent from last year and 9 percent below March 1, 2006. Maine's potato sheds held 18 percent less than last year, while New York's potato stocks declined 30 percent from a year ago.

Fall Potatoes Production & Stocks, Crop Years 2002-2007, Idaho & 13 Fall States Total 1/ 2/

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
IDAHO		1,000 Cwt						
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
2003	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	118,288	85,000	75,500	66,000	56,000	43,500	31,000	18,500
2006	128,915	90,000	80,000	70,000	59,500	46,500	33,000	21,000
2007	131,650	94,000	84,000	74,000	63,000			
13 States 1/								
2002 2/	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003 2/	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 2/	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,272	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007	400,085	270,100	237,500	206,200	171,800			

1/ See table below for listing of 13 states. 2/ 15 states prior to 2005.

Production and Total Stocks of Fall Potatoes Held by Growers, Processors, and Local Dealers on March 1, 2007 and March 1, 2008 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2006			CROP OF 2007		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2007	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS MARCH 1, 2008	MARCH 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,870	1,200	31	4,223	1,100	26
Colorado	22,686	11,300	50	20,981	9,500	45
Idaho	128,915	59,500	46	131,650	63,000	48
Maine	17,980	9,800	55	16,530	8,000	48
Michigan	14,190	3,300	23	14,700	4,600	31
Minnesota	20,400	8,300	41	20,680	8,500	41
Montana	3,518	3,100	88	3,696	3,300	89
Nebraska	8,730	3,400	39	8,051	3,000	37
New York	5,700	1,000	18	5,216	700	13
North Dakota	25,480	9,900	39	23,660	8,000	34
Oregon	18,533	9,700	52	20,238	11,600	57
Washington	89,900	28,500	32	102,300	40,000	39
Wisconsin	29,370	10,700	36	28,160	10,500	37
13 STATES	389,272	159,700	41	400,085	171,800	43
Klamath Basin 2/		2,200			2,050	

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

2/ Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath Co., OR.